

EVENTS OF INTEREST
IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

WOMAN AND THE HOME

DOMESTIC HELPS AND
AIDS TO HOUSEWIVES

The young lady across the way says she thinks her father's sympathies are with the English but he's very careful about what he says and nobody outside of the family would suspect him of being an Anglophobe.

England Would Unite
Nations Against Trade
of Kaiser's Empire.

London, Jan. 6.—An important conference will be held in London this month to discuss proposals dealing with British trade after the war, to prepare a program to be laid before the government in the name of British commerce. The object of the conference will be to form an offensive and defensive commercial alliance of the Entente Powers against Germany and her allies. The conference will be attended by representatives of all the chambers of commerce throughout the United Kingdom and it is thought that as a result of the deliberations then held, the future commercial policy of the country will be formulated.

Although the questions of post-war rehabilitation have occupied trade circles for some time and been frequently discussed informally, the first expression of government opinion was made by Mr. Asquith in a recent meeting of parliament, when he stated that present pre-occupation in the endeavor to secure victory ought not to prevent the taking of measures to insure the proper consideration of economic, social and financial problems which will arise after the war. The chamber of commerce insist that business men in trade should immediately begin investigations and that a defined trade policy should be evolved as soon as possible, or at least long before the war is over, so that a basis may be prepared for a commercial alliance with the Entente Powers which shall become operative the day that peace is signed.

The high price of butter may not be wholly due to the scarcity of cows. Perhaps the substitution of the automobile for the churn has something to do with it.

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BOUQUETS,
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ALL SET UP FOR
WINTER IS SONNY BOY

SO MANLY

Unbelted and without a scrap of fur, son still manages a modish coat of brown broadcloth, set off with black silk frogs. With this warm lined garment go tan boots and a black beaver hat with a rolling crown.

LITTLE BENNY'S
NOTEBOOK

By Leo Page

Grandpop was at our house for dinner last Sunday, and after dinner we all went in the parlor, and grandpop sed to pop. Willyum, wat do you say to a little 2 handed game of peenuckle.

I hate 2 handid peenuckle, I mean I'm opposed to playing cards on Sunday, sed pop.

O well, then I gess I'll sing a little, I gess I'll sing Sally in our Alley, I ust to have a wondrous voice wen I was young, I ust to, sed grandpop.

And he went over to the piano and hit the keys and sang, Da dee dum dee da da dumdee, and she lyes down in our alley. Jet hitting any old keys on the piano without caring whether they made any toon or not, and saying did I ever tell you about Sam Rubens, when I was a boy Sam Rubens always wanted me to be a opera singer.

Wy, wat did he have agenset you, sed pop.

Dada, da deum dada dumdee dee and she lyes down in our alley, sed grandpop. An he kepp awn doing that, changing the toon each time he did it as if it didnt have any spechil toon, and after a wile pop got up and started to go out of the room as if he jest thawt of sumthing, and ma sed, now, farther, you sit down, and be sociable.

Good now, sed pop, and he sat down agen, and grandpop hit sum more keys and sed, dumdee dada deede dumdee dee, and she lyes down in our alley.

Yes, but thats the best part, sed grandpop, it pritty near broak Sam Rubens hart that I didnt study to be a opera singer, dada dee, and she lyes down in our alley.

Hay, how about a little game of 2 handid peenuckle, sed pop.

Wy I thawt you didnt bleeve in playing cards on Sunday, sed grandpop.

Neethir I do, as a general rule, but I dont consider this a general rule sed pop, and him and grandpop started to play peenuckle, pop saying, as the fellow sed, nux nistro vomicum, or to much is werse than a feast.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Herbert Burchall, 22, a clerk, 2,078 Seaview avenue, procured a license today to wed Beatrice Jaunhall, 22, of the same address. Joseph Eula, 23, factory worker, 167 Lee avenue, procured a license to wed Rosie Korupia, 22, of the same address.

SOUTH CONDEMS LYNCHING.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 6.—The University Commission on Southern Race Questions, an organization of representatives from twelve Southern universities studying the negro problem, passed a resolution here yesterday condemning lynch law. Lynching was termed a contagious social disease, and that it had become a habit.

The railroads are threatened with indictment if they don't reduce the number of accidents. But would the public patronize trains that are not fast enough to get smashed up sometimes?

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LAURA JEAN LIBBY'S DAILY TALKS ON

HEART TOPICS

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SOMETHING TO LOOK
FORWARD TO

"Come, then, oh, care! oh, grief! oh, woe!
Oh, troublest mightily in your kind!
I have a balm ye ne'er can know—
A hopeful mind."

There never was a wiser saying than "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The same ruling holds good in regard to girls. There is nothing that will take the life, hope, spirit, quickly out of a girl as a dreary routine of work, day in and day out, with no gleam of brightness to look forward to.

I question the justice of those who require their girls to lead too solitary lives. There is but one youth-time. It is passing as swiftly as sands through an hour-glass. If a girl who works hard in factory or shop all day yearns for bright, light, gay scenes and merriment at night, she should not be scolded into believing her yearning is sin. It is but the natural impulse of youth. It is as needful to her as the sunshine is to a flower.

Girls cannot very well attend some places of amusement alone. Mothers and fathers are too tired to accompany them. Brothers are not over-active about taking them. The maid pines in secret, wearing the best part of her life out in loneliness. Every city and large town is full of just such girls, with unsatisfied, longing hearts.

If the society matrons in such places were looking eagerly for some good to do, their kindly intent would materialize if they were to take a score or more of such girls under their wing. One night a week to go to the movies, a night the next week to chaperone them to a dancing entertainment, where she would know who their partners were and that only innocent pleasures would result from the joy of the evening. Such girls live under these conditions would be joyful and hopeful; no more heartaches. There would be something to look forward to; something to fill up their pretty clothes for the expect very of meeting new, nice people and that which is sweetest of all to the youthful feminine heart—it would make her golden dreams of reality.

Young girls may love home and those within its walls ever so dearly, but changes of scenes and association with young people of their own age are essential to their well-being. A girl may be wise, thoughtful and demure far beyond her years, but her wisdom should not be taken for granted. An old head cannot be put on young shoulders. There will never be a time when girls can content themselves without having something to look forward to. Her home folks should study that phase of her girlhood. Homes should be open to welcome the friends of her youth. A watchful eye can be upon them to see that they enjoy themselves properly. But the espionage should not be apparent. Give the girls a happy youth-time.

MISS LIBBY'S REPLIES
TO YOUR LETTERS

Miss Libby's answers to your letters. Correct name and address must be given to insure attention. Initials printed. Write short letters on one side of paper only. Use ink. Personal letters cannot be answered. Address Miss Laura Jean Libby, No. 916 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

INVITE YOUNG MEN
AS GIRLS DROP IN

Dear Miss Libby:—
I am a junior in high school. Would like to know whether I, being young, am too much so to invite young gentlemen friends to call at our house these long winter evenings when girls drop in? I wish to have bright cheer then. Is my writing plainly discernible? Please answer soon.

Do not know your age. With your parents' permission it may be all right to have young men invited as girls drop in. I would not advise this too often. Go to their homes in turn.

HE IS ABENT-MINDED, OR
RUSHING TO CATCH TRAIN

Dear Miss Libby:—
I am a girl of 21. What do you think of a young man who goes away without saying "Good-by" or not telling her he is going? Are green and red appropriate together in modes? Is my penmanship fairly good? Kindly reply.

He is either very absent-minded or rushing to catch a train in all haste. Green and red, or green and brown, are harmonizing and fashionable to wear.

IF NOT THIS ONE,
MR RIGHT IS FOR YOU

Dear Miss Libby:—
Reading advice to others, I ask some. Am a girl going on 16. Care immensely for young man of 19 of wealthy parents. Seems well thought of. After he visited and escorted cheer while he stayed away two months, returned, and we go together some. He asked me to marry him. "Will decide later or I am, smilingly. Ought I to accept or not after he stayed away so long, shaking confidence? Hope to hear your decision.

Why not decide by your parents' good, wise judgment? If he is fickle, wait for a better one. Mr. Right will surely come when you are older.

HIS KINDNESS SHE
SLIGHTLY APPRECIATES

Dear Miss Libby:—

It's four years since I courted a lady of 27, a year my junior. She never consents to become engaged, still is interested. We write every week. I use terms of endearment. She doesn't object. Refrains from using the terms herself. I am poor. At present have income of \$50 per month. Think I will finally win her? Shall I try on? Her Christmas presents from me always baskets filled with candy, etc. Cost \$5 or more. Do you advise giving something for a change? If so, please suggest a few appropriate gifts. Thanks for considering above.

W. F. K.
You are treating one over-kindly. Some do not care as much as they ought for attentions showered constantly on them. Try to turn the tables. Gifts such as nice perfume (small bottle), fine picture calendar, book of poems, good umbrella, picture frame—either of these next Xmas will be good reminders, costing not much over a dollar. Attach your card and Xmas wishes. Be saving and esteem yourself highly. You will win in future the heart of the lady.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL GRIND.

The complaint is frequently made against the American public school, that it is too much of a machine, that it offers no chance for the bright child. He must dawdle away his time, relieved by sticking pins in his next neighbor, while the rules of arithmetic and the facts of history are explained over and over again to slower witted children.

There are a host of people who learn only by their eyes, by seeing a thing. You find it in the business office. There are some to whom it is absolutely no use to give extended verbal orders. You must do a thing, and let them see you do it, and then they follow you by imitation if they can't by reason. So with children. Teacher must do the example over and over again before they can grasp the principle, which in the form of a written rule is meaningless.

Meanwhile, what is the boy to do who takes to books as an Indian to the chase?

Here is where the good teacher can make his value count. The bright child with a little help can in ways skip one or two grades in the years before the high school. Don't be afraid to let them try it. But it means that Teacher must stay after moments, and untangle new and knotty problems.

There are few teachers who are unwilling to do this. The child who pushes ahead without prodding is such a relief, in contrast with the average listlessness of the school room, that the teacher usually feels that here at least her work has some reward.

Much is said in the newspapers about the crowding of the public school. Probably it does not pay to push a child if he does not want to go. When you suggest to most of them that they go ahead and save a year, the reply is "We're getting our lessons and isn't that enough?" But don't let your boy expect that he is to go through school without some work.

GEN. RUNDLE MADE
KITCHENER VICTIM
OF A PRACTICAL JOKE

Earl Kitchener isn't exactly the sort of man that a practical joker with a due regard for his health and feelings would choose as a victim, but General Sir Leslie Rundle once had the temerity to do that very thing. That was a long time ago, however, before "K. of K." had ever dreamed of the honors he has since attained. General Rundle, who was recalled from the governorship of Malta last year to assume command of the troops allotted to the defense of the United Kingdom, was born in Devonshire just three-score years ago today, the son of a captain of the British navy. Forty years ago he began his military career in the Royal Artillery, and served in the Zulu war, the first Boer war and afterward in the Egyptian campaigns against the fanatical dervishes. It was in the ancient country on the Nile that he became the friend and comrade of Kitchener, and penetrated the famous practical joke on the latter. Rundle and Kitchener were in charge of an irregular force of natives charged with the defense of the southern frontier. As they were the only white men with the force, they were thrown into close contact, and laid the foundation for a friendship which has continued through the years. Kitchener was the commander of the expedition, being Rundle's superior in age and experience as well as in rank, but under the circumstances they associated on terms of complete equality. After having organized their force of natives, Rundle set about the task of teaching English to the sheiks of the tribesmen. Among these was a venerable patriarch who was all dignity and austerity, and who was looked up to by the others as representing the summit of wisdom. Upon this sleek Rundle impressed the necessity of a proper form of address in saluting the commander of the camp. The next morning the grave and solemn patriarch appeared before Kitchener, and with a dignified salaam, gave voice to this surprising salutation, "O Kitchener, thou art a damn fool!" Satisfied that he had made a good impression with his newly-acquired English salute, the sheik strode away, leaving Kitchener, at first utterly astounded, with a grin slowly enveloping his face.

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JOHN RECK & SONWhat Will the Kiddies
Have for Lunch?

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PANCAKE
FLOUR

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RUSSIANS, CELEBRATING
THEIR CHRISTMAS,
PUT BAN ON TREES

Tonight will be Christmas Eve in Russia, for in the dominions of the Czar, where the old Julian calendar is still in effect, this is the twenty-fourth of December, 1915, and the New Year is still a week distant. In peaceful times few peoples celebrate Christmas with more enthusiasm, or for a longer length of time, but the grim fact of war, the prevalence of mourning in so many Russian households, and the absence of millions of husbands, fathers, sons, brothers and sweethearts will make this Christmas a dreary festival for most Russian families.

One change in Christmas customs brought about by the war is the placing of the ban upon the Christmas tree by the authorities of the Russian Orthodox church. The reason set forth in the official promulgations on the subject is that the Christmas custom is of pagan origin. The real reason, and the one that appeals strongly to the Russian masses, is that the custom originated in Germany, and spread thence to other lands. Hatred of all things German has become a cult in Russia, and the abolition of the Christmas tree is one of its fruits.

As a substitute for the fir tree, the Russians will make use this year of huge sturs of crossed pieces of wood, decorated with tinsel and colored paper. This star is symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem, and it is likely that it will permanently replace the tree as a medium for conveying Christmas gifts. The sturs will be illuminated with candles.

In peaceful times the Russian Christmas was characterized by a vast consumption of vodka, and a Christmas without the stimulant would have seemed unthinkable. For all except a favored few, however, this Christmas in Russia will be entirely "dry," as every form of alcoholic beverage is prohibited. This austerity is enforced by the military authorities, and, while a few wealthy people may be permitted to smuggle into their homes small quantities of liquor, the peasants will have to be content with coffee and tea as beverages.

In those parts of Russia unaffected by war it is said that the peasantry are more prosperous than ever before, and this is attributed to their enforced abstinence from vodka. Much of the money saved in this way has gone to the purchase of gifts for the women and children, but this material prosperity will not atone for the loss of loved ones.

Thousands upon thousands of Russian men—just how many will not be known until the war is over—will pass this Christmas as prisoners of the Germans. The Russian captives have been employed in all sorts of activities, and have had to work long hours at the most arduous toil, but it is likely that, following the precedent established a year ago, they will be given a holiday tomorrow.

This is also Christmas Eve for the peoples of the Balkan States—the unhappiest Christmas Eve imaginable for the women and children of stricken Serbia, who were left behind to care for the villages and farms when the men retreated before the Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians. These unfortunate women and youngsters, especially in the more remote districts, are entirely at the mercy of the roving bands of brigands who now infest Serbia.

The Bulgarians, flushed with their victories over the Serbians, will have a really merry Christmas in strange contrast to that of the neighbors they helped to vanquish. For the Bulgars the Christmas season is known as "ht white peace," as it has long been their custom, when engaged in quarrels or wars, to declare a truce at this time.

When you see a crowd around the of a big fire, it is much more apt to be watching the removal of securities from the safe than the bodies of the firemen buried in the ruins.

The trust magnates on trial should remember the good old maxim, "When in doubt tell the truth."

A spurt was reported in Wall street the other day, but not much of the water came out.

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